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MEMORANDUM TO MR. CAREY

SUBJECT: Reduced Production of Information from Captured German Documents

1. Recommend that no official action be taken by Office of Operations in this matter for the following reasons:

a. The reason that less than one-third of SDS and GMDS civilian personnel was transferred to CIG was on the basis of CIG security clearance. It was embarrassing to the War Department to find that they had been employing people on confidential projects who could not be cleared by our standards. It was necessary for the War Department to terminate some of these employees or find other positions for them, since CIG P&A would not take the responsibility for informing said employees that they could not be cleared and employed by CIG. Since this has all been worked out, there seems to be no point in raising the matter again.

b. CIG never promised the War Department to keep production of information up to the pre-transfer level, and it is unnecessary to apologize in advance for failing to do so. Reasons for decline in production are available for reply to the War Department, should they raise this issue on their own initiative.

c. Rather than accepting the adverse situation, and making it a matter of record, the Chief, Foreign Documents Branch, should be encouraged to do everything in his power to bring production up to normal.

2. Recommend that the following endorsement of this memorandum be returned to the Chief, Foreign Documents Branch:

"It is felt that no action should be taken by the Director of Central Intelligence on this matter, in view of the fact that the difficulty in transferring personnel from GMDS and SDS was entirely on the ground of CIG security clearance. If the War Department raises the issue, an explanation for the decline in production will be made by the Director of Central Intelligence. If the production of Industrial Card File cards is maintained in the highest possible level, it is improbable that the War Dept. will take official notice of the lowering of the production rate of other material.

Strenuous action should be taken by the personnel officer, Foreign Documents Branch, to remedy the situation."

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